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STATE SCHOOLS CHIEF TOM HORNE ANNOUNCES STATE TUTORING FUNDS REINSTATED FOR HIGH SCHOOL SENIORS WHO HAVE NOT YET PASSED AIMS MATH TEST

PHOENIX (Thursday, March 13, 2008) -- Arizona Schools Chief Tom Horne announced today that state tutoring funds have been reinstated for high school seniors who have yet to pass the high school AIMS math test. In late February, the state had to suspend the state's tutoring program to assess the amount of money available for tutoring.

Since late February, the ADE conducted an online survey to the districts and charters, to determine how much has been spent, and to determine ongoing needs. The ADE concluded some money remains and that the most important priority is to allocate it to prepare eligible seniors for the upcoming Math AIMS test. Monies will be allocated based upon the percentage of seniors not passing AIMS.

"We have had extremely good results with students receiving tutoring and passing the AIMS test. I am pleased that we have been able to redistribute necessary funds to help our future graduates," Horne said.

The funds become eligible today, March 13 and close on April 14 at 3:30 p.m. For more information on eligibility, please contact Deborah.Francis@azed.gov or (602) 364-3177.

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